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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 1334

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MCAP, CY

SUBJECT: NATIONAL GUARD FUTURE

1. SPEAKING TO EMBOFF JULY 12, CYPRUS ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF MIRANTHOPOULOS SAID THAT NATIONAL GUARD WOULD HAVE TO "START FROM SCRATCH" FOLLOWING DEPARTURE GREEK MAINLAND OFFICERS. MIRANTHOPOULOS NOTED THERE ONLY 135 CYPRIOT OFFICERS (REMNANTS OF OLD CYPRUS ARMY) REMAINING ON ROLLS. OF THESE, HE ESTIMATED "ONLY A HANDFUL" EFFECTIVE. ADDITIONALLY, MIRANTHOPOULOS SAID THERE CURRENTLY 435 NCO VACANCIES IN NG. REPORTEDLY THESE VACANCIES HAVE BEEN LEFT UNFILLED FOREXTENDED PERIOD.

2. MIRANTHOPOULOS WAS UNWILLING ESTIMATE LENGTH OF TIME NECESSARY TO TRAIN OFFICER CADRE BUT THOUGHT IT WOULD BE LENGTHY PROCESS. HE DOUBTED ARCHBISHOP WOULD BE WILLING RECALL RESERVE OFFICERS, MANY OF WHOM FAVOR EOKA-B. LIKE GREEK EMBASSY (NICOSIA 1302), MIRANTHOPOULOS THOUGHT RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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DUCTION IN NG WOULD REQUIRE UNMANNING OF SIGNIFICANT NUMBER

OF POSTS. THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY TRUE IF CURRENT DRAFT
SYSTEM (TWICE YEARLY CALL-UPS) CONINUTED.

3. MIRIANTHOPOULOS SAID CYPRIOT OFFICERS RECEIVING NO RPT NO
GUIDANCE FROM MAKARIOS ON GUARD'S FUTURE, AND HE UNDER
IMPRESSION THAT ARCHBISHOP HAS NOT RPT NOT SERIOUSLY CON-
TEMPLATED PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN RESTRUCTURING NG.
MIRIANTHOPOULOS BELIEVES MAKARIOS HAS DISCOUNTED POSSIBILITY
OF MAJOR FIGHTING AND IS CONTENT TO LIMP ALONG WITH UNPRO-
FESSIONAL, POORLY-TRAINED FORCE.
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